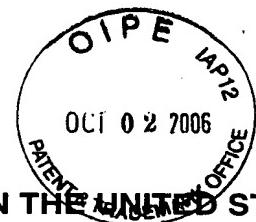


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I, Atsuo Miyajima, as the inventor and the named applicant of this application hereby declares that:

1. I have read the Examiner's Action, mailed on June 28, 2006.
2. On pages 2 - 4 of the Examiner's Action, starting at the second paragraph, the Examiner rejects the claims as being anticipated and obvious in view of US 6,397,884 (Miyajima et al.).
3. It is noted that the inventorship in US 6,397,884 and this application is not identical. US 6,397,884 contains an additional inventor, Tomohide Ito, who is not one of the inventors in this application. The invention disclosed in this application but not claimed in US 6,397,884 was derived by me and is not the invention of Mr. Ito.

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